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### STATEMENT OF THE CASE.

The defendant in this case was charged under the National Prohibition Act in four counts: One, with the possession of intoxicating liquor on the 17th day of March, 1923; Two, with the sale of intoxicating liquor on the 17th day of March, 1923; Three, with possession of intoxicating liquor on or about the 20th day of March,

1923; Four, with maintaining a nuisance. Plaintiff in Error plead guilty to counts one and three, and was by the jury found guilty on counts two and four.

The Plaintiff in Error has filed no brief in this case, and his attorney, as we understand it, has abandoned it. His present whereabouts is not known. The only possible question in this case relates to the sufficiency of the affidavit upon which the search warrant was issued. This is set out in full in the transcript (Tr. pp. 18 and 19). A hearing was held upon the petition of Plaintiff in Error praying the court to prevent the Government from using as evidence any of the property seized under the search warrant issued on the affidavit in question. This petition was denied by the trial court, and we submit that the correctness of his ruling is not fairly open to question.

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